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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Executive Agent for DoD Information Standards

The uniform application of standards to information systems across the Department of Defense (DoD) will improve the interoperability, efficiency and effectiveness of our information systems and reduce costs. To that end, you are hereby assigned Executive Agent responsibility for coordinating and integrating the Department's information standards activities and will take appropriate steps to implement this assignment in consultation with my Director of Defense Information.

Information standards include standards for information processing, information content (such as standard data definitions), information formats, and information transfer across all the Department's functional areas, e.g., business, command and control, communications, and intelligence. The scope of information standards also includes the testing and verification of interoperability between DoD information systems, as well as interoperability with external organizations such as suppliers and Allies. To validate compliance with established information standards, you are also charged to investigate and report on situations where interoperability between systems has failed.

With respect to intelligence, your responsibilities include the application of uniform information standards to DoD intelligence programs and systems funded in the National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP). Close coordination with the DCI's Intelligence Community Staff (ICS) and other appropriate intelligence community representatives is essential when NFIP standards are at issue and participation by ICS representatives will be required in those circumstances.

This delegation is in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to me by Secretary of Defense memorandum, "Implementation of Corporate Information Management Principles," dated November 16, 1990.


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